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From January 1 to April 22 there have been 307 cases of plague reported—1 European, 6 Indians, and 300 Chinese.

During the week ended April 25, 1903, 15 vessels were inspected, with an aggregate personnel of 1,075 crew and 1,614 passengers—252 cabin and 1,362 steerage; 732 crew and 1,351 steerage were bathed and 2,295 pieces baggage disinfected. There were 6 rejections among the steerage. Weekly return of communicable diseases shows 79 cases and 72 deaths from plague and 1 fatal case of smallpox, all Chinese, making a total of 404 cases of plague to date this year.

Report from Shanghai—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, May 6, as follows: During the week ended May 2, 1903, 3 vessels, 172 crew, 141 steerage, and 71 cabin passengers were inspected.

Communicable diseases were reported to the municipal health department as follows: Smallpox, 3 deaths; typhoid fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 death. The total mortality was 3 foreigners and 121 natives.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox—Vaccination.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended May 26, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths from smallpox during the week, 5; number of deaths from other causes, 7; prevailing diseases, smallpox and malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good. The smallpox hospital has 35 cases, but is not large enough to accommodate half the cases. It is being enlarged, and systematic vaccination is performed. About 2,000 tubes have been used and the same quantity has been ordered. It will arrive about June 1, 1903.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 20	Fort Gaines.....	24	0	0	0
20	Taunton.....	25	0	0	0
21	Bodo.....	16	0	0	0
23	Mount Vernon.....	21	0	0	0

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended May 28, 1903. Census population, 4,000; number of cases of yellow fever, 3; deaths, 2; deaths from other causes, 2; prevailing disease, yellow fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very poor.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 24	Algiers	32	0	0	0
25	Alene.....	43	9	5	0
28	Oracahessa.....	45	4	0	0

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—Mortality statistics—Scarcity of water.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, May 26, as follows:

During the week ended May 23, 1903, four bills of health were issued to vessels bound to ports in the United States. All the vessels were in good sanitary condition; no sickness.

Mortuary report for the week ended May 16, 1903.

Paludism	2
Tuberculosis	2
Tetanus, infantile.....	1
Other causes	4
Total	9

Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Mortality statistics.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports, May 28, as follows:

Week ended May 23, 1903.

Number of health certificates issued.....	480
Vessels inspected and issued bills of health.....	22
Crews of outgoing vessels inspected	957
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	852
Pieces of baggage inspected	577
Pieces of freight inspected	2, 820
Pieces of express inspected.....	12

Mortuary report of Habana for week ended May 23, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis	11
Pneumonia.....	5
Meningitis	3
Leprosy	1
Diphtheria	1
Cancer	8
Enteritis.....	5
Malarial fever.....	2

Total deaths from all causes, 92.

Disinfection of Russian bark Paramatta from Port Elizabeth at Habana.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter, at Habana, reports, June 2, the disinfection of the Russian bark *Paramatta* upon request of the chief quaran-